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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7612**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1914

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Funding for State Police Forensic Lab.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Neese

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ GENERAL  
☒ DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases the public service fee for registration of a vehicle from \$0.25 to \$1.25 and uses the fee increase to cover the cost of a new State Police laboratory. The bill also requires the State Police to establish a satellite police laboratory at the State Police post in a certain county.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Currently, money in the State Police Building Account can be used for construction, maintenance, leasing, and equipping of State Police facilities. This proposal would expand the usage of the Account to establish and operate an additional State Police laboratory with the \$1 of the public service fee increase. The facility is to be located adjacent to the Toll Road post in St. Joseph County.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The current Public Safety Fee for vehicle registration is \$0.25 per vehicle. Created in 1971, this fee has remained at \$0.25. This bill increases the fee to \$1.25. The additional annual revenue from the \$1 increase per vehicle is estimated to be \$6.1 M in FY 2004. This amount is to be deposited in the State Police Building Account, however, it would not revert to the state General Fund at the end of the fiscal year as would the \$0.25 portion of the fee.

In 2001, there were 5,764,714 vehicles registered in the state. Since 1997, annual growth in the number of registered vehicles has amounted to approximately 1.02%. It is estimated that approximately 6 million vehicles will be registered during CY 2003, with approximately 6.1 million in 2004. Future revenue will depend upon the number of vehicles registered.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Police; Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

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**Information Sources:** Les Miller, Special Counsel to the Superintendent of the State Police, 232-8317; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Registration data for 1997 through 2001.

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